JC13 Rec'd PCT NDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity) Docket No. Esteban Chornet, Severian Dumitriu Applicant(3203.17330-PCT US TRADE Group Art Unit Serial No. Filing Date Examiner 09/743,930 7/16/99 Invention: Polyionic Hydrogels Containing Xanthane and Chitosan TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted. A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED ADDITIONAL** HIGHEST # CLAIMS REMAINING NUMBER EXTRA RATE PREV. PAID FOR CLAIMS PRESENT FEE AFTER AMENDMENT \$9.00 \$0.00 $0 \mid x$ **TOTAL CLAIMS** 17 20 \$40.00 3 1 x \$40.00 INDEP. CLAIMS \$0.00 Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) \$40.00 TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT □ No additional fee is required for amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. \mathbf{X} A check in the amount of \$40.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this \mathbf{X} communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-2360 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. Dated: 22 March 2001 Signature John M. Manion, Reg. No. 38,957 Ryan Kromholz & Manion, S.C. I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on 3/22/01 with the U.S. Postal Service as P.O. Box 26618 Milwaukee, WI 53226-0618

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